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Participants : Acharia Shri Basudeb

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Title : Regarding non-revision of royalty on coal to the State of West Bengal.

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA (BANKURA): Sir, for the last 15 years, royalty on coal in respect of the State of West Bengal has not been revised. The argument was that as the Government of West Bengal imposed a Cess on coal, the royalty has not been revised. However, in case of other coal-producing States, royalty has been revised three times. As a result of non-revision of royalty, the loss for the Government of West Bengal is more than Rs. 2,000 crore.

(Interruptions) ...*

MR. SPEAKER: That interruption should not be recorded.

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : In case of West Bengal, the royalty has not been revised for the last 15 years, whereas it was done in respect of other States.

MR. SPEAKER: Please address the Chair and not the hon. Member.

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : Very recently, the Supreme Court of India have upheld the decision of the Government of West Bengal to impose a Cess on coal.

Sir, I urge upon the Government that the royalty on coal in respect of West Bengal should be revised, and the State of West Bengal should be compensated for non-revision of royalty on coal for the last 15 years.

MR. SPEAKER: You have made your point very clearly.

I am calling now Shri Girdhari Lal Bhargava because he is an ideal Member.

श्री गिरधारी लाल भार्गव (जयपुर) : मान्यवर, मैं आपकी आज्ञा से बहुत संक्षेप में बोल रहा हूं।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आपको हर वक्त हम बोलने का मौका देंगे। इन लोगों को आपसे कुछ सीखना चाहिए और हमें भी सीखना चाहिए।

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